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<i>Application Number</i>	09/445328
<i>Filing Date</i>	December 7, 1999
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Kuber T. Sampath
<i>Art Unit</i>	1647
<i>Examiner Name</i>	D. S. Romeo
<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	JJJ-P01-514

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other Amendment filed January 16, 2004

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Communication

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-1945

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature	<u>Ignacio Perez de la Cruz</u>	Date	April 20, 2004.

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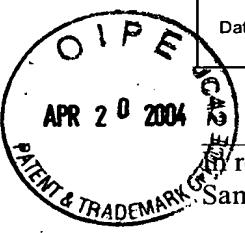
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Dear Sir:

This communication is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants would like to thank Examiner D. Romeo for granting interviews to the undersigned on March 18, 2004, April 7, 2004, and on April 19, 2004. During the interviews, Examiner Romeo conceded that the response filed on January 16, 2004, if entered, would overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection.

Applicants are filing the accompanying RCE requesting that the amendment filed on January 16, 2004 be entered. Since the amendment, as conceded by the Examiner, overcomes all rejections on the record, applicants respectfully request allowance of the application.